

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Action/Consent Item:

Kentucky Writing Program Advisory Committee Membership

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 158.770, KRS 158.775

Action Question:

Should the Kentucky Board of Education approve the recommendation for the 2008 appointments to the Kentucky Writing Program Advisory Committee?

History/Background:

Existing Policy. According to KRS 158.770, the Kentucky Board of Education shall appoint the members of an advisory committee on writing to make recommendations to the board on methods of integrating writing into the curriculum, on teacher training programs and workshops designed to facilitate the effective teaching of writing, and on use of funds allotted for teacher professional development and school grants through the Kentucky Writing Program. The majority of the membership shall be educators currently employed by local school districts or public universities.

The Writing Advisory Committee (WAC), the Kentucky Writing Project State Network, and Scoring Accuracy Assurance Team members nominate committee members. Because the Kentucky Writing Program incorporates various platforms for the delivery of professional development, it is important that all platforms be represented on the Writing Program Advisory Committee. It is also essential that committee members understand the necessity of writing professional development and the components of research-based professional development in the field of writing.

The following have been nominated and have agreed to serve:

- Pamela Hembree, a Title I Language Arts teacher at Knox County Middle School, has taught in Kentucky schools for twelve years. During these years, her focus has been primarily on language arts, specifically writing. She has served as a Title I Writing/Reading Resource Teacher and a 4th grade writing cluster leader. She is currently serving on Kentucky's Writing Advisory Committee and participated in the second phase of the Marker Papers project during 2007-2008.
- Rebecca King has been teaching English/Language Arts in Kentucky schools for thirteen years. She was the recipient of the prestigious Milken award in 2003. In addition to serving on Kentucky's Writing Advisory Committee, Rebecca has

been active in the Kentucky Bread Loaf Teacher Network after having earned a fellowship to the Bread Loaf School of English in 2000. She supports the writing program in her school by serving as the high school writing cluster leader.

Below is a chart reflecting the existing membership of the committee with the proposed appointments highlighted.

Name	Role	Year Appointed
Sandy Adams	Principal—Julius Marks Elementary (Fayette Co.)	2005
Barbara McGinty	Retired administrator – McCracken County Schools	2005
Brianna Adams	Teacher – Prichard Elementary (Carter Co.)	2006
Artavia Acklin	Teacher—Clear Creek Elementary (Shelby Co.)	2007
Sherry Ederheimer	English resource teacher-Jefferson County	2007
Denise Henry	Curriculum Coordinator and Gifted Instructor—Warren County	2007
Pamela Hembree	Teacher—Knox County Middle School (Knox County)	2008
Rebecca Coleman King	Teacher—Pikeville High School (Pike Co.)	2008
Jean Hicks	University Writing Project Network Coordinator	- - - -

All serving four-year terms; WPN Coordinator is elected annually

Staff Recommendation(s) and Rationale(s):

Staff recommends appointment of the nominated members. Advisory groups and instructional partners offered nominations for these vacancies. The proposed members have expertise in the areas of writing instruction and/or professional development. With the approval of these new members, the composition of the Writing Program Advisory Committee will continue to represent all areas of the state and all levels of education

(elementary, middle, secondary, and post-secondary) in addition to representing racial diversity.

Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:

Staff has consulted the Writing Advisory Committee, the Scoring Accuracy Assurance Teams, and current university writing project directors. The nominees are supported by all groups.

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